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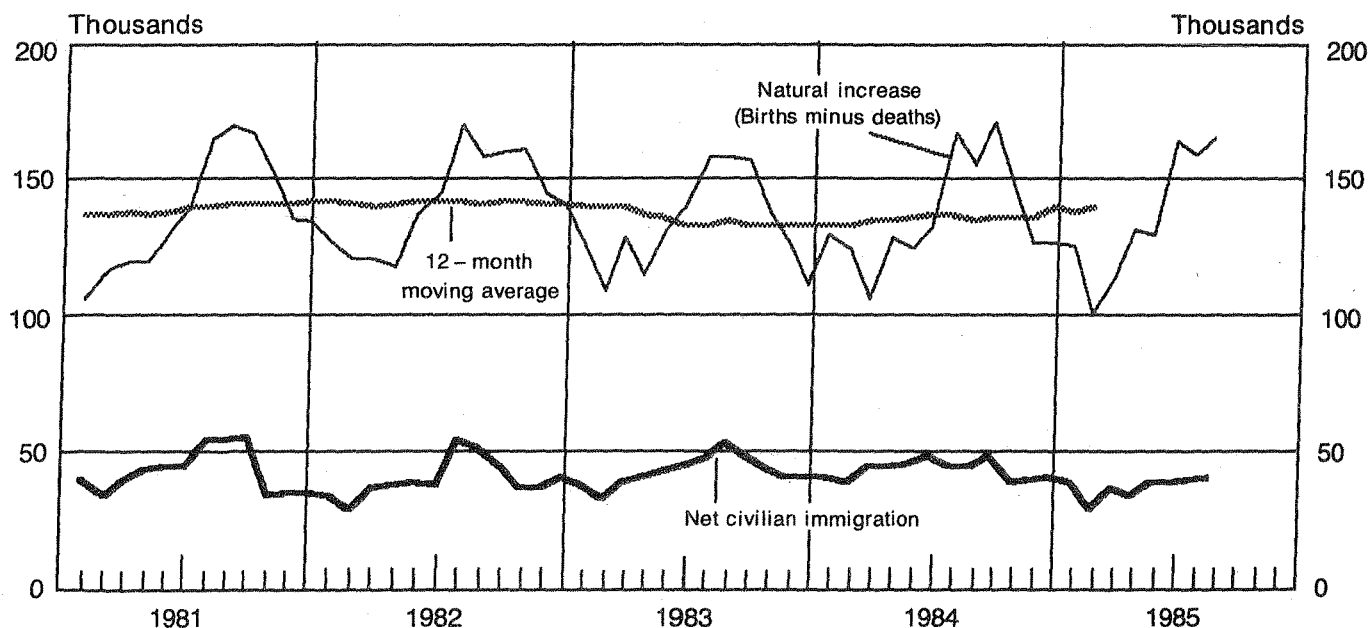
Estimates of the Population of the United States to September 1, 1985

The total population of the United States (including Armed Forces overseas) was estimated to be approximately 239,231,000 on September 1, 1985. This figure represents an increase of 2,133,000 or 0.9 percent over the estimate for the corresponding month a year ago, and an increase of 212,000 over the previous month. The monthly gain was the result of a natural increase of 171,000 (excess of births over deaths) and estimated net civilian immigration of 41,000. (See chart below. Data are adjusted for number of days in the month.) The September 1, 1985, total population represents an increase of 12,170,000 over the population counted on April 1, 1980, which serves as the beginning point for the estimate.

This report presents estimates for months back to April 1, 1970, of the (1) total population including Armed Forces overseas, (2) resident population, and (3) civilian population. The estimates are based on data from the decennial censuses; statistics on births and deaths provided by the National Center

for Health Statistics, U.S. Public Health Service; statistics on immigration provided by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; data on Federal civilian employees abroad and their dependents provided by the Department of Defense and the Office of Personnel Management; data on movement between Puerto Rico and the 50 States (including the District of Columbia) provided by the Puerto Rico Planning Board; and data on the Armed Forces provided by the Department of Defense. The estimates for the months between April 1, 1970, and April 1, 1980, were derived by adjusting the estimates made during those years by distributing the error of closure (the difference between the 1980 census count and the postcensal estimate for April 1, 1980) in proportion to time elapsed since 1970 and population size. Comparable estimates for States are available from the Population Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

**Components of Population Change, by Month:
January 1, 1981, to September 1, 1985**



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Estimates of the Population, by Type: April 1, 1970, to September 1, 1985

(In thousands. Includes Alaska and Hawaii in all years. Estimates for each month from January 1, 1950, to January 1, 1985, are given in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 971)

Date	Total population including Armed Forces overseas	Resident population	Civilian population	Date	Total population including Armed Forces overseas	Resident population	Civilian population
1985				1970 to 1982			
September 1	239,231	238,688	236,982	July 1, 1982	232,345	231,822	230,152
August 1	239,019	238,492	236,761	January 1, 1982	231,271	230,760	229,114
July 1	238,816	238,291	236,569				
June 1	238,616	238,091	236,390	July 1, 1981	230,043	229,542	227,894
May 1	238,444	237,921	236,219	January 1, 1981	228,976	228,485	226,861
April 1	238,280	237,758	236,054				
March 1	238,128	237,605	235,904	July 1, 1980	227,738	227,236	225,632
February 1	238,006	237,483	235,783	April 1, 1980	227,061	226,546	224,968
January 1	237,839	237,318	235,621	January 1, 1980	226,451	225,945	224,374
1984				July 1, 1979	225,055	224,567	222,969
December 1	237,669	237,149	235,450	January 1, 1979	223,865	223,378	221,769
November 1	237,505	236,985	235,287	July 1, 1978	222,585	222,095	220,467
October 1	237,315	236,796	235,097	January 1, 1978	221,477	220,995	219,358
September 1	237,098	236,577	234,867				
August 1	236,896	236,375	234,656	July 1, 1977	220,239	219,760	218,106
July 1	236,681	236,158	234,443	January 1, 1977	219,179	218,706	217,046
June 1	236,502	235,978	234,281				
May 1	236,332	235,809	234,117	July 1, 1976	218,035	217,563	215,894
April 1	236,162	235,639	233,945	January 1, 1976	217,095	216,609	214,957
March 1	236,009	235,490	233,798				
February 1	235,847	235,327	233,641	July 1, 1975	215,973	215,465	213,788
January 1	235,671	235,154	233,473	January 1, 1975	214,931	214,428	212,738
1983				July 1, 1974	213,854	213,342	211,636
December 1	235,515	235,001	233,312	January 1, 1974	212,932	212,418	210,676
November 1	235,344	234,833	233,146	July 1, 1973	211,909	211,357	209,600
October 1	235,160	234,649	232,956	January 1, 1973	210,985	210,410	208,580
September 1	234,956	234,446	232,752				
August 1	234,746	234,232	232,535	July 1, 1972	209,896	209,284	207,511
July 1	234,538	234,023	232,327	January 1, 1972	208,917	208,224	206,324
June 1	234,353	233,836	232,157	July 1, 1971	207,661	206,827	204,866
May 1	234,175	233,658	231,976	January 1, 1971	206,466	205,546	203,499
April 1	234,015	233,497	231,813				
March 1	233,842	233,322	231,646	July 1, 1970	205,052	203,984	201,895
February 1	233,700	233,178	231,507	April 1, 1970	204,401	203,302	201,131
January 1	233,529	233,009	231,344				

¹Census count April 1, 1980—226,545,805.

²Census count April 1, 1970—203,302,031.